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interested in the matter can be allowed to take part in this question when the Chair has ruled that any member who has any relationship or interest in a paper cannot take part in this question.

MR. SPEAKER : The right to talk or take part in the discussion is covered by the interest any individual has in a paper. If the hon. Member Sri Adityan, is able to say that Sri M. Kalyanasundaram has interest in the "Dina Thanthi", then I shall prevent him. Sri Kalyanasundaram may have interests elsewhere of which this House may not be aware. The hon. Member, Sri Kalyanasundaram may now speak.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : As the Hon. Minister has stated that some of the working journalists have refused to sign the agreement . . .

MR. SPEAKER : I did not interrupt the Hon. Minister reading because he was replying to the question. If the hon. Member, Sri Kalyanasundaram wants to ask a supplementary question, he cannot read a statement. He has to put a question.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : I was just having the list of questions in my hand.

MR. SPEAKER : It leads to suspicion that the hon. Member is reading it.

12 40 p.m. SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Sir, the Hon. Minister said that some of the working journalists had refused to sign this unfair agreement, which the management demanded. As a consequence of this, I am told that they are being threatened everyday by hiring goondas, and that the goondas are allowed inside the premises of this press. Will the Government take suitable action against the trustees for indulging in such unfair labour practice?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : A complaint to that effect has been received, and I have referred it for investigation.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[*Note*.—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

IV.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER : I have received notice of many adjournment motions to-day. The first is from Sri P. U. Shanmugam. In his adjournment motion, he wants to discuss the failure of the State and Central Governments to interfere and come to the rescue of the Tamilians in Ceylon. I would like to know from the Hon. the Leader of the House what responsibility the State Government has in the matter.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, as you should be aware, we are governed by the provisions of the Constitution. The adjournment motion relates to a matter which has taken place in an independent neighbouring State. It is purely within the jurisdiction of the Central Government because it relates to external affairs. Therefore, I do not think this State Government has any responsibility whatsoever.

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MR. SPEAKER: In view of what the Hon. the Leader of the House has said, I think this House cannot discuss a matter for which the responsibility rests with the Central Government. I, therefore, do not give permission to this adjournment motion.

There is another reason why I can rule this motion out of order, but I am not doing so. An adjournment motion must be couched in proper language. I do not want to read the adjournment motion, before this House as given notice of. It is not correct to characterise the citizens of another State in the manner in which it has been characterised. I would request hon. Members, when they give notice of adjournment motions, to be moderate in their language in describing the citizens of other States. I do not give permission to this adjournment motion.

I have also received notice of two adjournment motions, one from Sri S. Pakkirisami Pillai and the other from Sri M. P. Sarathi. They want to discuss the Police firing on dock workers in Madras. An adjournment motion must satisfy certain conditions. It must be definite. It must be urgent. It must be of public important. It must involve more than the ordinary administration of law. The matter must not be *sub judice*. The matter must not be one for which another occasion had been provided. There is no doubt that the matter is definite and it is of public importance. I should like to know what the Member has to say in this matter. In a short speech, he can say the points that he proposes to press. He cannot make a long speech.

SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI: கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இந்த ஒத்திவைப்புத் தீர்மானம் மிகவும் அவசியம்—அவசரமானதும் கூட. இந்தத் தீர்மானத்தை ஏன் கொண்டு வந்தேன் என்று கேட்டால், மக்கள் மத்தியிலே ஒரு மனக் கலக்கம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கின்றது. போலீஸார் அக்கிரமமாக, நிராயுதபாணிகளான தொழிலாளர்கள் மீது ஹார்பர் பகுதியிலே, துப்பாக்கிப் பிரயோகம் செய்திருக்கிறார்கள் . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member is going into the merits of the case which is not relevant at this stage. He must convince the House about the urgency of the matter. He must say how this matter is urgent and how this House is competent to discuss it.

SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI: அது சம்பந்தமாக அரசாங்கம் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறது ? போலீஸார் செய்தது மிகவும் அக்கிரமமானது. அதற்குண்டான பரிகாரம் என்ன ? இறந்தவர்களுடைய குடும்பத்தினருக்கு என்ன நிவாரணம் கொடுக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கின்றது ? இதையெல்லாம் தெரிந்து கொள்வதற்கு அங்கத்தினர்கள் மிகவும் ஆவலோடு காத்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். ஆகவே, அதைக் குறித்து இங்கு பேசி, அரசாங்கத்தினுடைய மனதைத் தெரிந்து கொள்வதற்காகத்தான் இந்தத் தீர்மானத்தைக் கொடுத்திருக்கிறேன். .

MR. SPEAKER: Has the Hon. the Leader of the House got any statement to make?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, I am afraid the reasons given by the hon. Member regarding the urgency of the matter do not satisfy the conditions required for the purpose of admitting adjournment motions in this House. Apart from this,

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there is a short notice question pending on this subject which, I think, Sri M. Kalyanasundaram has tabled. That question will be answered, and the report of the judicial officer in respect of this incident will be placed on the table of the House. After that it may be discussed, and the Business Advisory Committee may say in what form, if necessary, the discussion should take place in this House.

MR. SPEAKER : If the Leader of the House had referred to the short notice question only, I would not be satisfied. But since he says that the report of the enquiry officer will be placed before the House, and that the House will be given opportunity to discuss it, I am wondering whether hon. Members Sri S. Pakkirisami Pillai and Sri M. P. Sarathi will press their adjournment motions.

SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI : அந்த ரிப்போர்ட் எப்போது இந்தச் சபையின் முன்பு வைக்கப்படும் ? கூடிய சீக்கிரத்தில் சபை முன்பு வைக்கப்படுமா ? ஒன்றிரண்டு வாரத்தில் அது விவாதத்திற்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்படுமா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER : கனம் சாரதி அவர்கள் ஏதாவது சொல்ல விரும்புகிறாரா ?

SRI M. P. SARATHI : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, மதிப்பிற்குரிய அமைச்சர் சொன்ன மாதிரி, சீக்கிரமாக அதை இந்தச் சபையில் விவாதிப்பதற்குக் கொண்டு வந்தால், அதை ஒத்துக்கொள்ள நான் தயாராக இருக்கிறேன். முக்கியமாக, இறந்தவர்களுடைய குடும்பத்தினருக்கு என்ன பரிகாரம் தேடினீர்கள் ? சட்ட சபை நான்கு மாதங்களுக்குப் பிறகு கூடுவதால், சர்க்கார் இதற்கு அவசாமில்லை என்று தள்ளிக்கொண்டு போவதாகத் தெரிகிறது. சட்ட சபை இப்போது கூடியிருக்கிறது . . .

MR. SPEAKER : கனம் அங்கத்தினர் சொல்வது இந்த அவசரத் தீர்மானம் சம்பந்தமானது. இப்போது அதைப்பற்றிப் பேச வேண்டாம். இதில் அவசரத்திற்கு என்ன இருக்கின்றது என்பதைப்பற்றி பேசவேண்டும்.

SRI M. P. SARATHI : இதற்கு முக்கியத்துவம் இல்லை என்று கனம் சபாநாயகர் சொன்னது போல இருந்தது. அதனால்தான் அதனுடைய முக்கியத்துவத்தைப்பற்றிப் பேசினேன். சீக்கிரமாக இதை இந்தச் சபையில் விவாதத்திற்குக் கொண்டு வந்தால் அதை நான் தள்ளி வைக்க ஒத்துக் கொள்கிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER : In view of the statement of the Leader of the House that the Government propose to lay on the table of the House the report of the officer appointed to enquire into the incident, and also in view of the fact that an opportunity will be given to this House to discuss this matter, I do not give permission to both the adjournment motions.

I hope the report will be placed on the table of the House as early as possible—if possible, in this sitting itself—to enable Members to discuss it.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It will be placed on the table of the House in this sitting itself and as early as possible.

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MR. SPEAKER : I have received notice of another adjournment motion from the hon. Member Sri M. Kalyanasundaram. The adjournment motion reads as follows :—

"I give notice of the motion for the adjournment of the proceedings of the House on 3rd September 1958 for discussing the following matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—

"The action of the Government in using the Employment Exchange and the revenue authority for recruiting casual labourers for use as black-legs to break the legal strike of the Port and Dock Workers in the month of June 1958, which has led to the Police opening fire against workers, killing six innocent persons and causing injuries to hundreds of men and women in the City of Madras'."

Will it not be possible for the hon. Member to discuss this subject also when the report is placed on the table of the House?

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Sir, my adjournment motion refers to a different matter. I have got in original records from the Revenue Department to show that the Tahsildar and the Collector have been used for recruiting casual labour to be employed as black-legs for breaking the strike. The strike was lawful. The Central Government did not declare the strike illegal. When that is the situation, why should the Government indulge in recruiting black-legs for breaking the strike? Different standards seem to be employed in different places. I want to know the definite policy of the Government in the matter of recruiting black-legs to break a lawful strike.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The hon. Member is entitled to use the language that he likes with reference to recruitment of labour. But essential activities have got to be carried on there. The harbour is one of the places where very vital activities—particularly developmental activities—have got to be carried on. If some workers go on strike, certainly we cannot allow essential activities to be paralysed by them. The labourers should be prepared for this. It is purely the decision of the port authorities that labour should be recruited. We have no jurisdiction over their decision. When they want labour for carrying on their activities, it is the duty of the State Government to comply with their request and provide labour. Whether their decision was right or not, I am not competent to say. But when an authority like the Port Trust wants the State Government to help in the recruitment of certain labour for carrying on essential activities during the period of the strike, simply because some workers have gone on strike, the State Government certainly cannot take a non-co-operative attitude. 12-50 p.m.
Therefore, regarding the recruitment of labour as such, we cannot be found fault with. Recruitment was made in accordance with the decision taken by the Port Trust authorities to recruit labour. Whether that decision is right or wrong is not a matter for discussion here. Because, that is a Central authority under the Central Government. So, it is quite a different matter altogether. In any event, I do not think that this would come under the rules

governing Adjournment Motions. If it is thought that it has anything to do with the firing incidents, well, it could be raised when we have a discussion on the report of the judicial officer.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: In view of the assurance given by the Hon. Leader of the House that the report of the Chief Presidency Magistrate will be placed on the table of the House during this sitting and an opportunity will be provided for discussing it, I think I can take advantage of that opportunity. So, I do not press my adjournment motion.

MR. SPEAKER : There is no commitment at present that the hon. Member will be given an opportunity later.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: I only said that I can take advantage of the opportunity.

MR. SPEAKER : That is a different matter. For the present we are concerned with your withdrawing the motion. Later. let us see what happens when the report is placed on the table of the House. Now, I take it that the hon. Member is not pressing his motion.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Yes, Sir.

V.—PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

MR. SPEAKER : Under rule 14 (1) of the Madras Assembly Rules, I nominate the following hon. Members to be the Panel of Chairmen for current session :—

Sri R. Srinivasa Iyer.

Srimathi Kolandai Ammal.

Sri P. U. Shanmugam.

Sri V. Subbiah.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Sir, may I know what happened to the adjournment motion that I have given you?

MR. SPEAKER : The general accepted principle is that all adjournment motions must be moved at the first available sitting. The hon. Leader of the Opposition has already given his motion to me. We have had enough adjournment motions to-day. So, we shall take up the adjournment motion given notice of by the hon. Leader of the Opposition tomorrow.

VI.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS BEEDI INDUSTRIAL PREMISES (REGULATION OF CONDITIONS OF WORK) BILL, 1958 (L.A. BILL NO. 18 OF 1958).

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Speaker, I present the report of the Joint Select Committee on the Madras Beedi Industrial Premises (Regulation of Conditions of Work) Bill[a], 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 18 of 1958).

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 67–83 infra.